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In re application of: Merz et al.

Attorney Docket No.: APL1P202/P2625

Application No.: 09/842,408

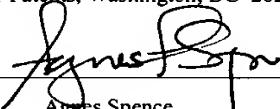
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTALCommissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

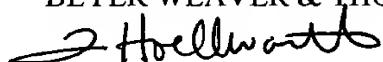
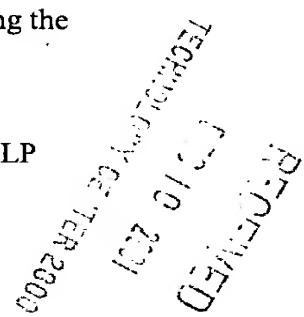
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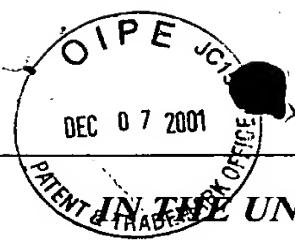
Applicant(s) hereby petition for a _____ month extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.

Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.

Enclosed is our Check No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.

Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. APL1P202).

Respectfully submitted,
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments:

In the Specification:

Please replace the section entitled "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", with the following amended section entitled "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION". A marked up copy of the amended section is attached.

TECHNICAL DRAWING
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